

PERFORMANCE NOTE: AGENCY FORM

SHORT TITLE: Opioid and Overdose Fatality Review Amendments

Joint Rule 4-2-404 requires a Performance Review Note anytime the legislature significantly increases funding for: ☐ New agency ☒ New services or benefits ☐ Serving a new or larger population

DUE TO THE FISCAL ANALYST

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HOW WILL THE PUBLIC BENEFIT?

1 What is the purpose and the duties of the new program, agency, services, or population served?

The purpose of this program is to improve understanding of circumstances related to overdose and opioid-related deaths in order to inform prevention and intervention efforts and ultimately decrease deaths.

2 What services are provided by the funding increase?

The program will compile data regarding overdose and opioid-related deaths including toxicology information, demographics, sources of opioids or drugs, and contextual information surrounding the death. The Death Scene Investigators will document information that assists the Office of the Medical Examiner to determine a cause of death. The Overdose and Opioid Fatality Review Committee will 1) promote cooperation and coordination among agencies, 2) develop an understanding of the causes and incidences of overdose deaths, 3) make recommendations for changes to law or policy, inform public health and public safety entities of emerging trends,

3 What are the expected outcomes of the new or expanded program and how will the public benefit?

The expected outcome of this program is to decrease overdoses in Utah. This includes the following indicators: 1) Decrease the rate of drug overdose deaths involving opioids per 100,000 population, 2) Decrease the rate of drug overdose ED visits / hospitalizations involving opioids per 100,000 population, and 3) provide recommendations to key stakeholders to increase public safety and public health.

4 How will the bill be implemented and what resources are available to achieve the expected outcomes?

A Health Program Specialist III will be funded from the bill to coordinate the Opioid and Overdose Fatality Review Committee. They will review case definitions, prepare case presentations, and facilitate meetings to review opioid and overdose death cases. This includes requesting records, storing them on a secure and protected server, and providing relevant case information to the committee to prepare for reviews. Costs to implement the Opioid and Overdose Fatality Review Committee that will be absorbed by the Violence and Injury Prevention program include a Research Assistant I and Epidemiologist II.

5 How will the proposed agency activities cause the expected outcomes and public benefit in 3?

The proposed activities will cause an increase in cooperation and coordination among agencies, generate a robust understanding of overdose and opioid-related fatalities, and promote policy and programmatic recommendations. Fatal or near-fatal opioid overdose is a significant public health problem in Utah. Historically, Utah has ranked in the top states for drug poisoning deaths. Drug misuse and overdoses affect individuals, families and communities at all levels of society. Opioids, including heroin and pharmaceutical opioid analgesics, are involved in a majority of overdose deaths. To support the development of effective strategies for preventing and responding to overdoses, it is necessary and appropriate to review and analyze available information related to overdose deaths statewide. The creation of a statewide, multidisciplinary, multi-agency opioid fatality review committee will enable public health and public safety authorities to receive information and expert consultation from a wide array of stakeholders while preserving the confidentiality of protected information, including

2. PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

What measures will managers and policymakers use to know if the new or expanded program is providing the expected outcomes and public benefits? Provide one, two, and three year goals or targets, actual results and measures if available to serve as a baseline, and outcomes.

Goal (public benefit): Decrease the number of overdose deaths by 10% from 2018 to 2020.

Measure Title: Number of overdose deaths.

Description:

Number of deaths as a result from an overdose in a calendar year. This definition only include deaths with a manner of death of undetermined or unintentional.

Fiscal Year:	###	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Target or Benchmark:		563				
Baseline (if applicable):	625	-	-	-	-	-

How will program managers collect this performance information and ensure its reliability?

The number of overdose deaths is tracked in collaboration with the Office of the Medical Examiner.

Goal (public benefit): Decrease the number of opioid-related overdoses by 10% from 2018 to 2020.

Measure Title: Number of opioid-related emergency department visits.

Description:

Number of overdoses related to opioids in a calendar year seen in emergency departments.

Fiscal Year:	###	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Target or Benchmark:		960				
Baseline:	1,067					

How will program managers collect this performance information and ensure its reliability?

The number of overdoses seen in emergency departments is collected and monitored by the Utah Department of Health.

Goal (public benefit): Number of publications with recommendations provided to key stakeholders.

Measure Title: Number of publications with recommendations provided to key stakeholders.

Description:

Recommendations derived from the reviews will be compiled and shared with key stakeholders through reports.

Fiscal Year:	###	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Target or Benchmark:		7				
Baseline:	3					

How will program managers collect this performance information and ensure its reliability?

Recommendations from the reviews and from the aggregate data are compiled. The Violence and Injury Prevention Program will ensure reliability by working with key stakeholders to identify actionable recommendations that can be feasibly implemented.